

## **2009 BOARD OF SELECTMEN STATEMENT**

Darien is a 21<sup>st</sup> century residential community that has maintained the charm and character of a small New England town. Darien offers to its residents an outstanding school system, two beautiful public beaches, green parklands, playgrounds, a state of the art library, several shopping areas and a senior activities center. The town takes tremendous pride in the number of volunteers who participate and support the Town as elected officials, emergency responders, as community leaders and members of numerous town organizations.

The Board of Selectmen remains committed to preserving the character of our Town, maintaining our position as a premier town in the State of Connecticut, and providing a high level of service to Darien residents. During these financially challenging times the Board of Selectmen will strive to do so without putting additional burden on taxpayers. The Board will propose a prudent budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year; continue to closely monitor the economic environment and its effects on Darien residents while we continue the progress made since 2003 by positioning the town to move forward on projects in more stable financial times.

The Board of Selectmen Priorities that follow reflect the Board's ongoing commitment to make Darien the best that it can be.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on 1 December 2008